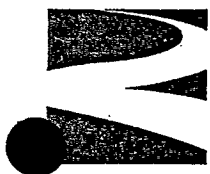


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To: CALFED Management Team (see attached list)

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Subject: Upcoming CALFED Management Team Meeting

The CALFED Management Team will meet on Tuesday, July 23, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 1142 of the Resources Building. Attached is a draft agenda for this meeting (Attachment 1).

A detailed description of the agenda items and attachments follows:

A. Phase II Alternatives

1) **Report on BDAC Concerns and Issues**

The BDAC meeting will be held this Friday, July 19 in Sacramento at the Convention Center. The objective of this meeting is to focus existing issues and concerns of BDAC members into a format that can be provided to CALFED as advice on the Phase II Alternatives and the process to evaluate the alternatives. An oral update of the issues and concerns raised at the meeting will be provided for CALFED at the meeting. The questions we are posing to BDAC include:

- Do the Alternatives represent a reasonable range to carry forward into Phase II for analysis?
- Is the Common Program approach a valid way to proceed?
- Is phased implementation appropriate?
- Has the level of public outreach been adequate?
- What issues must be analyzed in Phase II that do not appear to be covered?

Mike Madigan, BDAC Chair, will provide a brief summary at the CALFED Public Meeting outlining BDAC support and concerns about the issues and process as we move into Phase II.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

2) **Stakeholder Issues**

A few issues of concern are still being raised by several of the stakeholder groups. Water supply benefits (in terms of quantity) is still an issue that many water users feel should be better defined and described in the Alternatives. We have been stating that water supply reliability is a goal, however, there are still many water users who feel that water supply benefits must be stated more strongly.

Other issues that continue to provide some concern to stakeholders as to how they will be addressed in Phase II include: area of origin issues, land retirement, and fish screening criteria.

3) **Agency Concerns**

At the most recent Program Coordination Team meeting on July 10, a few issues of concern were raised by the agencies. One of these concerns is that we needed to characterize water supply benefits as an area that needs to be analyzed in Phase II and that more evaluation would be necessary before benefits could be quantified. There was also concern about adequately analyzing a "fully isolated facility" as part of Alternative 3. After considerable discussion and review of a table describing the range of sub-alternatives that could be analyzed under Alternative 3, the PCT agreed that it would be sufficient if it were specifically stated that an isolated facility, operated year-round and without any through-Delta conveyance, would be analyzed as part of Alternative 3. Another issue of concern was the fish screening criteria. These appear to be the primary outstanding issues of concern among the CALFED agencies.

4) **Phase I Letter of Support**

A draft Phase I letter of support has been prepared and distributed to key agency staff for review and identification of any major issues of concern (draft letter is Attachment 2). Mary Scoonover will provide a brief summary of the letter and answer any questions. The intent is to finalize the letter as quickly as possible and have all issues resolved by the CALFED Public Meeting on July 29. Issues of concern will be discussed and ways to deal with these issues will be developed at this meeting. Agency liaisons should provide CALFED Management Team members with concerns prior to this meeting. It is anticipated that the letter will be signed soon after the CALFED Public Meeting.

5) **Agency Resources for Component Refinement**

We will briefly outline the agency resource needs for the component refinement process. As we begin to develop and further refine components, it is critical we lay out a general timeline describing work products and milestones to the next decision point. It is anticipated that the next decision point will occur in the fall, after preliminary analysis, to further define and narrow the range of sub-alternatives which will receive full analysis.

6) **CALFED Meetings**

CALFED Public Meeting

The CALFED Public Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at in the auditorium at 714 P Street, Sacramento, CA. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to address the agency decision makers regarding the draft Phase II Alternatives. We are specifically interested in whether the public feels that the alternatives represent a reasonable range and whether they agree with the issues of concern to be evaluated in the Phase II analysis. Mike Madigan, BDAC Chair, will provide a statement outlining BDAC advice to CALFED. Other stakeholder groups will most likely make statements of support or outline concerns.

An Executive Session will be held in the morning from 10 am -12 noon and will focus on preparations and logistics for the afternoon meeting, as well as a general briefing for CALFED officials on critical issues. A draft agenda for the Executive Session is attached for review and comment at the meeting (Attachment 3).

Additionally, we are also planning a press event in late August or early September to commemorate the Phase I final report.

CALFED Management Team Meetings

We propose the following dates for the CALFED Management Team through the end of 1996:

- Wednesday, August 28, from 1 pm to 4 pm in room 1142;
- Tuesday, September 25, from 1 pm to 4 pm in room 1142;
- Tuesday, October 22, from 1 pm to 4 pm in room 1142;
- Tuesday, November 19, from 1 pm to 4 pm in room 1142;
- Wednesday, December 18, from 1 pm to 4 pm in room 1142.

B. Restoration Coordination

1) **Category III**

An update on Category III will be provided and the results from the Category III Steering Committee Meeting on July 18 will be discussed.

2) **Ecosystem Roundtable**

Efforts are continuing to gather names of representatives from the stakeholder community regarding the membership of the Ecosystem Roundtable. Names of potential members will be discussed at the CALFED meeting. It is anticipated that the Ecosystem Roundtable will be in place by mid August.

3) **Habitat Coordinator Position**

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is currently interviewing candidates for the Habitat Coordinator position. An overview of the timeline for position selection will be provided at the meeting.

C. SB 900 and Implications for Program (Lester Snow)

SB 900 was signed by the Governor and will appear on the ballot in November. An update will be provided as to the final language in the bill as well as the importance to the CALFED Program.

D. **Interim South Delta Program EIS/EIR** (Bob Potter)

Bob Potter will provide an update on the status of the interim South Delta EIS/EIR.

E. Other Issues

1) **Update on CALFED Ops Group** (Bob Potter)

2) **Fish Screening** (Pete Chadwick)

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USFWS - Wayne White (Alt. - Joel Medlin)

NMFS - Jim Lecky (Alt. - Gary Stern)

EPA - Tom Hagler (Alt. - Palma Risler)

Corp. of Engineers - Walter Yep

DOI - Patrick Wright

CA Resources Agency - Mike Mantell

CA Fish and Game - Greg Zlotnick

DWR - Bob Potter

SWRCB - Walt Pettit

Food & Agr. - Mike Chrisman